

# Quiltations

September 2008

## Greetings from the President

Just a few weeks ago, I spent the day with a quilting buddy at the beach. We played in the waves like two youngsters; giggling and laughing as the next one came crashing up from behind us. The day was magical; a perfect way to spend a Saturday in August. The next day, I joined QC's Vice President, Jessica Leger in Lowell for an afternoon of inspiration - looking at the Images Quilt Festival 2008 juried quilts and award winners, including the Journal Quilts, the Vendors and the Silent Auction. We also went to the Whistler House Museum of Art and the Brush Gallery along with the Loading Dock Gallery. What a great way to close out the summer in preparation for our first two Executive Board meetings, culminating with our **Show'n Tell meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September!**

## 2008-2009 Schedule

### MEETINGS:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH  
SHOW'N TELL

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13TH  
DEIDRE SCHERER

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH  
NANCY CRASCO

MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH  
AMY ROPPLE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH  
LOUISA SMITH

MONDAY, MARCH 16TH  
LINDA CANTRELL

MONDAY, APRIL 27TH  
LAURA WASILOWSKI

MONDAY, MAY 18TH  
GAYLE FRAAS &  
DUNCAN SLADE

### WORKSHOPS:

SEPTEMBER 13TH & 14TH

NOVEMBER 15TH & 16TH

JANUARY 17TH & 18TH

FEBRUARY 7TH & 8TH

MARCH 14TH & 15TH

APRIL 25TH & 26TH

Jessica and I were so impressed and inspired with the artistic creations displayed for our viewing pleasure. Best of all; many of the works were from returning members of QC and some were from our new class of members joining this September. Quilters' Connection of New England has such a wonderful, diverse group of artists. Special congratulations to each of you who have recently exhibited work in any of these shows or others throughout the nation or world. **I encourage you to bring your recently completed work to our September 15 meeting for our Grand Show and Tell.** It is one of my favorite meetings of the year!

Please arrive early on September 15 in time for our **New Member's Reception at 6:00 pm** in Rehearsal Hall. It will be a great time to meet and greet our new members in the "Class of 2008."

Jessica and I have some big news at our first meeting - you will not want to miss it! **We have a special new challenge in the works!** This year's President and Vice President's Challenge is better than ever and completely different from last year's Pearl Challenge!

This year's **raffle quilts** are looking better than ever and you will be thrilled when you see them at the September meeting - everyone will certainly want to sell lots of tickets with hopes of winning one of the quilts her/himself! They are each stunning!

That is enough news for now. You will need to come to the meeting on September 15 to find out more. I hope to see you then! It is sure to be a fabulous time for everyone! **We have a super schedule of programs and workshops this year and I look forward to visiting with everyone.** See you at the Arsenal Center for the Arts (ACA)!

Welcome Back,

*Ann*

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SEPTEMBER: WED, SEP 10TH, 7:00 P.M.  
OCTOBER: TUES, OCT 7TH, 7:00 P.M.  
NOVEMBER: WED, OCT 29TH, 7:00 P.M.  
DECEMBER: WED, DEC 3RD, 7:00 P.M.  
JANUARY: WED, JAN 7TH, 7:00 P.M.  
FEBRUARY: WED, FEB 25TH, 7:00 P.M.  
MARCH: NO MEETING  
APRIL: WED, APR 1ST, 7:00 P.M.  
MAY: WED, MAY 6TH, 7:00 P.M.

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## Newsletter

A newsletter is sent to QC members before every membership meeting. Please do your part in helping the newsletter arrive on time by sending any articles before the following deadlines:

October	9/26
November	10/29
January	12/31
February	1/21
March	2/25
April	4/8
May	5/1

Send articles to me at [mradzynski@yahoo.com](mailto:mradzynski@yahoo.com) and include QC in the subject line. I prefer to receive articles by email, but if the phone is more your style, call me at home: 781 395 1095.

Thanks,  
Melissa Radzynski  
Quiltations Editor

## A Gift of Friendship

At the end of last year, one of our members wanted to thank her friend (another member) for some much needed advise and assistance. Her friend refused to be paid for this much appreciated help. In a moment of pure inspiration, she made a gift to the Scholarship Committee on her friend's behalf.

The member making this gift did not want to have her name divulged, but she felt it was okay to reveal what she did and what motivated her. Do you have a friend who you'd like to honor in a similar way? Should you care to make a gift to QC in someone's honor or memory, please know that you may designate whether the gift is to be used for a specific or general purpose.

A gift doesn't have to be large. The accumulation of several small gifts could potentially help a lot of members or the guild. It's a great way to give back and say thanks to the many people that lend you an ear, give you an idea, or just make your day.

## Membership Update

I am pleased we have 367 returning Associate and Regular Members. We will welcome 35 new members, giving us a total membership of 402. I appreciate the many of you who have volunteered to help out this year. We need everyone's help to continue to make QC the great New England Guild that we are.

Please join the Executive Board in welcoming the new members (pink name tags) at a reception in the Rehearsal Hall (3rd floor) on Monday, September 15 at 6:00 - 7:15PM. Remember to pick up your bright yellow name tag at the desk as you enter The Arsenal Center for our first meeting of the 2008-2009 year.

Thanks,  
Nancy Howard  
Membership Chair

## Programming

Hello QC--welcome back from summer quilting sessions. Our annual Show'n Tell Meeting will take place on Monday, September 15th. Bring your new creations for sharing and caring. Enquiring minds want to know...exactly what you've been up to since creating the quilts that were in the show.

In order to avoid long speeches and lines, please, please a) show no more than 3 items; b) write out your one-to-two line description which you may read aloud using ONE 4" x6" index card PER QUILT. QC member, Susan Sapolsky, will photograph each piece and collect the index cards as you leave the stage. (See details, on page 5)

Check the website for workshop details. Geri Barr and Susan Monjan have worked diligently on the workshop signup process. There are still spaces available in each class. The next signup time is just before the September 15th meeting. 6:30 for our newest members; 7:00 pm for the rest of us.

We look forward to two Mickey Lawler workshops on September 13th and 14th. Supply lists on the QC website - [www.QuiltersConnection.org](http://www.QuiltersConnection.org) Lots brewing with the Program Committee this year. Excellent teachers, presenters and more coming your way.

Monday, October 13 - Deidre Scherer  
Monday, November 17 - Nancy Crasco

Finally, the Program Committee is an excellent way to get involved with YOUR Quilters' Connection guild. Please come join this committee by emailing me your program suggestions for 2009-2010.

See you, your quilts, your 4" x 6" cards and your friends on September 15th!

Thanks,  
Steffi Aronson Karp  
Program Chair  
[shula@comcast.net](mailto:shula@comcast.net)

## What are those tables for?

Have you ever wondered about the tables on the Mezzanine at the beginning of each meeting?

Sales Table - stop by a visit with Robin Fan. She's got one of the best jobs at QC, as she gets to go shopping for the rest of us. Robin buys all sorts of commonly used quilt supplies at wholesale prices and sells them to guild members with no mark-up. Let her know if there are any special items you'd like her to carry.

Adopt-a-Fabric - did you buy too much fabric or change your mind, but can't bring yourself to throw it out? Are you done with that pattern, magazine or book? You need to package them up and see RoseMary Koch at the Adopt-a-Fabric table. Or, maybe you will find that special little something to buy to finish a project. QC benefits by only taking 10% of the sale.

Library - all you need is your membership card to check out one of QC's quilt books, magazines, DVDs, or VHS tapes. Martha Supnik maintains the QC Library. We have an extensive collection that can be loaned to members. Martha is always on the lookout for suggestions or will accept donations.

Miscellaneous - On occasion, there are other tables and/or displays on the Mezzanine. We often have an Information table set up with flyers displayed. They are usually advertising other guilds quilt shows or special sales that would be of interest to quilters. In the past, some of our guest speakers have also set up a table to sell books, material, and patterns.

So, when you come to the next meeting, take a few minutes to check out those tables! You never know what you might find.

## Financial Update

Quilters' Connection finished another successful year and our financial state is strong. We had seven fabulous speakers and workshops, the Winter Free Workshop, a Get-Away Weekend, and topped it with our 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Quilt Show.

The quilt show itself was a success in many ways. Each of the three components of the show - the Raffle Quilt, the Boutique, and the Gate - all generated income. Some of our general expenses were more than anticipated. Some of these expenses were start-up costs that were one-time investments, such as the purchase of the credit card authorization machine. The bottom line is that we did not generate any excess income that could be used to support additional donations or programs.

After much discussion several years ago, the Board voted to spend-down some of our excess savings, in a controlled manner. The objective was to do so in a way that would benefit as many members of the guild as possible. This year our overall working capital was reduced by \$5,200.

The Board has been able to offer workshops for a discounted amount, increase our annual donation to the New England Quilt Museum, and continue to offer our Winter Free Workshop.

Our books are open for any member to view. Should you be interested, please contact Betsy Habich, your new QC Treasurer.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support during my time as Treasurer.

Thank you,  
Barbara Degan  
Treasurer for 2007-2008

## Solo Shows at the Arsenal Center

The 2008-2009 individual member exhibits to be held on the third floor of the Arsenal Center are as follows: **Diana Galson-Kooy** will show her work from the September to November meetings, followed by **Missy Shea** from November to January. **Dee Mallon** will exhibit from January to March, and the last show of the season will be **Bea Grayson** from March until May.

Nancy Crasco has already received a request from Ethel Schulam to show her work in the fall of 2009 and will be happy to add any member's name to the list if you have six to eight works to be exhibited in a solo show. Members may contact her to request a place in the schedule at [ncrasco@gmail.com](mailto:ncrasco@gmail.com) or 617-254-1952.

## Yahoo Group

QC has an email group on Yahoo, and you are encouraged to join it.

The QC/Yahoo group is set up so you can send email and read it on your computer's email program. You can also go to the QC/Yahoo home page to read older emails, send photos of quilts, and many other options.

Anything QC, quilt, art or member related is fine to discuss. You should feel free to send info about any shows you are in, that you suggest others see or apply to, good fabric stores, member news, etc. Members are asked to please avoid getting off topic about personal/family/health/religion/political issues.

If you are not already signed up but would like to be, please email Jeanne Williamson at [jeanne@jeannewilliamson.com](mailto:jeanne@jeannewilliamson.com), with your email address, so she can send you information about signing up.

## OF NOTE FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING...

### 2008 Raffle Quilt Wrap-up

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year's raffle quilt a success. First and foremost, Carolyn Rabson for designing the quilt and doing most of the construction. Next, Mary Walter for doing the quilting on both quilts, Jan Wilhelm for doing the binding, and Marla Richmond for taking care of the raffle ticket sales. Finally, a special thanks to all those QC members who made one or more blocks, helped in the construction, and particularly to all of you who bought raffle tickets. The raffle quilt is a major fundraiser for QC and helps to support our wonderful programs.

The raffle quilt was won by one of our members, Dee Mallon. The winner of the members' quilt will be drawn at our first meeting, Monday, September 15. For every block you made for the raffle quilt, for every hour you spent selling raffle tickets and for every 10 tickets you sold, you have one ticket in the basket. So, be sure to be there at our first meeting to find out the winner.

Margaret Rolph & Patti Karp,  
Raffle Quilt Coordinators

### Do you have overdue library books?

Over the summer, Martha and Diana went through the book cards and notified everyone by e-mail, phone, or letter of the books that were overdue. Please make sure you search for them and bring them to the first meeting in September so others can enjoy them again. When you do return them, please mention that they were overdue so we can cross them off our list.

### There is still room in some workshops!

We hope you are all ready for a wonderful year of workshops. Workshop space is still available in most workshops for paid up members. If you missed out at the May meeting, come early to the September 15th Show'n Tell meeting. Class sign up will take place at the new members' reception after 6.00PM for new members, and after 6.30PM for continuing members.

Also, keep an eye on the QC Yahoo list during the year for vacancies and other class information. Use the yahoo group to sell workshop space if necessary. Remember, if you sell you place at any workshop, be sure to let Geri know -- [geri@lucidzoo.com.au](mailto:geri@lucidzoo.com.au). To join the wonderfully informative QC Yahoo list, just email Jeanne Williamson at [jeanne@jeannewilliamson.com](mailto:jeanne@jeannewilliamson.com)--it's that simple!

Geri Barr and Susan Monjan, Workshop Registration Coordinators

### Bringing something to Show and Tell?

On Monday, September 15th at 7:30 pm please bring your project along with a 4" x 6" index card. On the card, please write:

Your Name:

Quilt Name:

Main Colors:

Approximate Size:

Brief Description:

Keep your card with you. After presenting your project, hand me the card- I'll be standing to the side- and I'll match it to the photos that will be taken during your presentation. If you have multiple projects, please write one card per project-it's easier to sort that way.

I'll have extra blank cards at the front desk in the entrance area before the meeting.

This is being done for the QC archives, to have a record of work presented at the meeting.

Many thanks,  
Susan Sapolsky  
[ssapolsky@verizon.net](mailto:ssapolsky@verizon.net)

## News and Notes

**Sarah J. Aubry's** quilt, "Crow Thicket", was exhibited at the Vermont Quilt Festival in June.

The Coastal Art Quilters, a group of 14, which includes QC members **Janet Duncan Dignan** and **Sandy Gregg**, presented Cloth is Our Canvas III an exhibit at the North River Arts Society Gallery in Marshfield Hills Village, MA, in June & July.

**Sandy Gregg's** quilt "Bermuda Dream" was exhibited at the Vermont Quilt Festival in June, and "Swirl 6" at the Brush Gallery in the Art Quilts Lowell Exhibit from August 3 to October 26. And Sandy is now one of the two co-reps for Massachusetts and Rhode Island for Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA).

**Ellen Katz's** quilt that she made for the QC Pearl Challenge, "Pinwheels and Pearls", was exhibited in the Images 2008 show.

**Ferne Weissman** has an article about a needle-felted landscape in the Aug/Sept 08 issue of Quilting Arts Magazine.

## Quilt Happenings

New England Quilt Museum  
[www.nequiltmuseum.org](http://www.nequiltmuseum.org)  
August 28 - November 2, 2008  
Lowell, MA

"MetroTextural" is a touring exhibit celebrating themes of New York City's urban life with fabric and texture.

Mancuso World Quilt Show XII New England  
[www.worldquilt.com](http://www.worldquilt.com)  
September 18-21, 2008  
Manchester, New Hampshire  
Over 400 quilts from 12 countries on display including the 2008 World Quilt Competition Tour

A Quilter's Gathering  
[www.aquiltersgathering.com](http://www.aquiltersgathering.com)  
November 6-9, 2008  
Nashua, NH

American Textile History Museum  
Annual Fall Gala  
Friday, November 7, 2008  
978-441-0400 Ext.246 for Information

## Design and Composition Course

**Nancy Crasco** will teach an Elements of Design and Composition course at the Arsenal Center for the Arts on Tuesday evenings from 7-9PM, beginning during the last week in September. Because the Quilters' Connection is a participating partner, QC members are eligible for the member discount on this course. The curriculum will include exercises in the use of line, shape, division of the plane, achieving balance, considering the format, the tension of positive and negative space and the importance of rhythm and pattern. This is a paper and pencil course and will include weekly hands-on practice and accompanying critiques. Registration may be completed through the website [www.arsenalarts.com](http://www.arsenalarts.com) or by calling the Arsenal Center at (617)-923-0100 x309. Nancy will be happy to answer any questions from members at [ncrasco@gmail.com](mailto:ncrasco@gmail.com) or 617-254-1952.

## Architectural Forms for Quiltmakers

**Nancy Halpern** will be teaching a two day class at the DeCordova Museum on October 4th & 5th. Optical illusions and three-dimensional effects will be explored, and designs may be incorporated into an abstract or representational landscape or cityscape. Contact the DeCordova for more information - by phone: 781-259-0505 or electronically: [www.decordova.org](http://www.decordova.org).

## Lowell Fiber Studio

Stop by the Lowell Fiber Studio on September 6, 27 or 28 between 12:00 and 5:00. Located at the Western Avenue Studios in Lowell, Studio 5-12, the studio is shared by 8 women with diverse talents, working together and sharing a love of fiber and the arts. Stop in and view our work, chat for a while, relax and take some refreshment before moving on the visit many other studios in the building that will be open. Take a look at our website [www.lowellfiberstudio.org](http://www.lowellfiberstudio.org) for directions and a sampling of our work. Looking forward to seeing you.

Cathy Granese  
[cag721@earthlink.net](mailto:cag721@earthlink.net)

## Library News

We have an extensive library of books and magazines available for borrowing before each meeting on tables set up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the hall outside the auditorium entrance until 7:15 p.m. Our magazine subscriptions include American Quilter and Quilting Arts. New books are purchased each year with a budget from your dues. Please note any books you think many of us would enjoy and call us or give us a note at our meetings.

We hope all our members will make use of the library every month because we have many more books and magazines on hand than space to store them between meetings. You may take as many items home as you like but please return them at the next meeting for someone else to enjoy. If you can't attend the next meeting, send your materials back with another member. Let's set a record this year for borrowing and returning lots of books and magazines every single month.

If we don't have the book you want in the guild library, it may be available at the museum. Since Martha volunteers there regularly, museum members can contact her and borrow museum library books at the next QC meeting or by mail.

Martha Supnik / 978-369-7292 / Martha@Supnik.org

Diana Dow / 617-624-6114

### New additions

Quilting Arts Magazine June/July 2008 issue 33 has articles on fusible film, discharging on cotton or silk, crayon rubbing, painting, digital image manipulation, artist profiles of Maya Schonenberger, Fulvia Luciano, and Patricia Mattison, machine needle felting, adinkra cloth stamping, embellishment with thread trash, image transfers on paper or cloth, screen printing, Xerox lithography, fabric collage, silk fiber bowls, paper, fabric and wood panel quilts, and paper quilts from the "true colors" readers challenge.

Quilting Arts Magazine August/September 2008 issue 34 has articles on the new venue for Art Quilts at the Sedgwick, rusting fabric, deconstructed screen printing, digital image manipulation, artist profiles of Linda MacDonald of California and Dale Rollerson of Perth, Australia, hand-dyed silk charmeuse, quilted pet portraits, a needle-felted landscape (by QC member Ferne Weissman), indigo dyeing, a green quilts exhibit at the Latimer Quilt Center, embellishing with recycled objects, some 2009 Calendar Contest winners, and "Go Green" mini quilt challenge winners.

American Quilter Magazine July 2008 has articles on color in fabric landscapes, a school quilting project, a quilt of vintage hankies, Michigan quilters who ride bikes to quilt shops together, part 2 of a 3-part mystery quilt, printing images on organza, a baby quilt pieced of pinwheels and strips, award-winning quilts and wearables from the contest in Paducah in April 08, a variation on the rail fence pattern, two pages of info on ink jet printers for quilters, pieced quilts that simulate Celtic appliqué designs, and a quilt featuring appliqué with transparent fabrics.

American Quilter Magazine September 2008 features men quilters with articles on David Taylor, Sandi Cummings, and George Siciliano, satin stitch appliqué by Carol Taylor, water soluble freezer paper for appliqué, quilted landscapes of canyon country, collecting quilt-related art objects, part 3 of a mystery quilt, a UFO challenge, blanket stitch machine appliqué by Ricky Tims, a log cabin star quilt by Scott Murkin, quilts for men by Joe Cunningham, design based on the proportions of the "golden mean," Victorian cabinet card photos containing quilts, French-knot embroidery, and a stained glass appliqué quilt in memory of the horse Barbaro.

### Quilters' Connection Library Book Purchase Suggestions

(give to Martha Supnik at meeting or mail to 601 Heald Rd., Carlisle, MA 01741)

**TITLE** \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHOR** \_\_\_\_\_

**SOURCE** \_\_\_\_\_

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**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

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